

## **Trumpet Article for January 9, 2019**

Happy New Year!

*“I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.”* John 9:4.

As we begin 2019, I am grateful God has given us this opportunity to serve Him. Like all believers I know the time is coming that our work here on earth will be done. That’s why it’s important that we work while we have the opportunity. It’s hard not to have mixed emotions, desiring Jesus to return, coupled with the sadness that so many will be left behind. But thanks to your love of the Lord and lost souls your missionaries are making a difference. This year has started off great as some have already received Christ through this ministry.

Pray with us that God will raise up men and their families who will feel the call to State Missions. Surely the fields are white unto harvest. While some will reject our message there are those will hear the Word and accept Christ as Lord and Savior. That’s our motive in ministry.

Also, please remember and whisper a prayer for Sister Rena Hight (Michael Hight’s mother) as she has suffered a stroke over the Holidays and will be spending some time in rehab.

### **From Our Missionaries:**

**Connection Point, Brookland:** Chad White writes, “We have been having an exciting time at Connection Point over the past few weeks. Last week, we enjoyed hearing a message from my dad, Paul White. At the end of the service we had three people surrender their lives to Christ. It was great to have our Missions’ Advisory Committee Chairman, Tony Crocker, and his family with us last week, as well.

“We also held a New Year’s Eve celebration, as well. We had a lot of fun and a lot of laughs. It was a great night.

“This Sunday, we had a pretty good crowd and several guests. We had a good service and some great small groups.

“Now, the three that were saved last week were all from the same family: father, mother, and daughter. This week, before service, another daughter came to me and said she wanted to be saved. I had the privilege of leading her to the Lord, as well. So, at the conclusion of the service, I was blessed to baptize the entire family. What an awesome way to start the year!”

**The Mustard Seed, Cain:** Jim Tollison writes, “It seems like it has been a long time since I have shared with you the ministry of your mission here in Mountainburg/Alma.

“We had our Christmas program and the children did a fantastic job. We appreciate the hard work put in by director Carolyn Colvert and all others who helped. We had 68 in attendance for the program. This may be a new record attendance for us here at the mission.

“The Lord gave us a beautiful day for the first Sunday of 2019. We had some of our regulars absent but still had a pretty good attendance.

“During the recent windstorm/tornado that went through our area our building roof was damaged. The roof is very old and needs to be replaced. We are pricing a metal roof to replace it, getting it measured and hopefully have a price pretty soon. This will probably be pretty expensive. I have never asked for additional support in the past, but if your church, WMA or brotherhood needs a project for this year, please consider letting us be your project. Any and all amounts would be a blessing. I will let you know the amount needed as soon as we know. Thanks for your consideration. May God bless all the fine folks of the BMA.”

**El Faro, Little Rock:** Jorge Vasquez writes, “Dear brethren, it gives us great pleasure to greet you in this new year, it is our trust in God that your lives are very full of blessings. We pray for you that God will prosper your families, your places of work, and fill all your needs, and

above all that your spiritual life be very blessed along with your churches. May we fulfill God's expectations.

“Here at El Faro we had a good time at the end of the year. There are two families who have been visiting us and they gave their lives to Christ. We trust that they can grow in the Lord. Yesterday was our first service of the year. It was very good we had about 70 in attendance. Some were not here because they still have not returned from their vacations, several are sick, and it is possible that others are discouraged by the struggles that all Christians have. Please pray for them.

“For this upcoming weekend the missions of Central Arkansas will have our first training conference on discipleship, please pray that God will use us and we can encourage all the missions to carry out the great Commission.

“Thank God we are finally moving forward with the pavilion project, we have the concrete work in and hope that for the next three weeks we can put up the metal building. Thank you for your prayers, thank you for your support. We are very happy that we will have a place for our times of communion. God bless you.”

**Misión Creciendo en Cristo [Growing in Christ], North Little Rock:** Juan Carlos Posadas writes, “We enjoyed the services of December 24th and 31st, both started at 7 PM. Christmas night we had our traditional drama of the birth of Jesus, it was nice to see children and adults in their costumes of shepherds, wise men, angels, Mary and Joseph. My daughter Fernanda, and two girls, Ariana and Kimberlyn, sang the song “Jesus was born”, while the others performed the dramatization.

“On December 30th Sayra turned years, the congregation sang the song Happy Birthday, it was evident the joy in the congregation for the birthday of my beloved wife.

“On the 31st a group of families united at the temple to close the year in communion. After the meeting of thanksgiving, we were playing, eating and receiving together the new year. For all of us who were present, the church is our extended family. We thank God for the church that supplies the absence of our relatives in those significant moments.

“In the first Sunday service of this new year we compiled our II Corinthians study, the message had the theme The Purpose is the building, based on chapter 13. Then in the afternoon we met again, some adults and mostly young, to play soccer. It was super fun. Blessings to you and thanks for your prayers.”

**Life Journey, Fort Smith:** Darrin Smith writes, “We enjoyed a great holiday season. The attendance was up and down but we are seeing some who are stepping up and helping out.

“There are several families who are visiting at this time who are looking for a place to get plugged in. I am praying they will join us.”

**Grace, Green Forest:** Carter Pearce writes, “We have had a fantastic couple of weeks to close out 2018 and begin 2019. In December we had nine new first-time guests, and we had three more in our services on January 6th! Excitement is building around the community surrounding our church as we were able to sponsor children age 5 and younger with Christmas presents. Grace is also becoming a public symbol of Christ’s love to the community through our partnerships with We Care: Suicide Awareness Group and with US Citizenship classes soon to be offered in our facility.

“During the next few weeks I want to share with you five things that I have encouraged our congregation to make central to our prayer lives in 2019. One of those is that God will give us Community Outreach opportunities and the wisdom to know which areas to focus our efforts. It seems today that so many people/groups want support from churches but want us to keep our

mouths shut when it comes to sharing Jesus with people. We are very intentional that every person who enters our building, whether specifically for worship, classes, assistance, or any other reason, will hear the message of Christ and His love for our community.

“Please partner with us in prayer for these opportunities to reach into the lives of all people in the community.”

**Ebenezer, West Little Rock:** Ruben Isturiz writes, “These last weeks in Ebenezer have been of much reflection, fellowship, and many of our church traveling. We have people traveling to Monterrey, Arizona, California, before leaving we prayed for them to be a light in every place they go. Our activities during the week stopped for this season, we hope to resume them next week. Keep praying for our home groups (Berean Groups). We have not stopped preaching and meeting every Sunday to celebrate what God continues to do among us.

“This week from the 7th to 10th, I will be traveling to Costa Mesa, California to take a training on The Missional Pathway, I already took the first two levels Awaken and Activate, now I go for two more levels, Assess and Advance. All the training is in English, pray for God to give me an understanding of the course and its subsequent transfer to Spanish. Pray for Ebenezer so that God will bring people thirsty for His Word.”